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I added Gerry's contact info below:

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Greetings All!

Thanks again to everyone who was able to participate in our consultation meeting on the EPA's Reissuance of an NPDES General Permit for Oil and Gas Exploration in Cook Inlet Federal Waters February 5. In response to requests from tribal representatives at that meeting, and as part of the EPA's broader consultation and coordination efforts on this action, the EPA will host an informational teleconference with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) for interested representatives of federally recognized Cook Inlet tribal governments this Thursday February 21 at 2:00pm Alaska.

The purposes of this call are: to provide an overview of ADEC's corresponding preliminary draft Alaska Pollution Discharge Elimination System (APDES) General Permit for discharges from Oil and Gas exploration activities to state waters of Cook Inlet, Alaska; to describe opportunities for input and comments on this action; and to provide a forum for questions and answers. This meeting will only be open to representatives of federally recognized Cook Inlet tribal governments, the EPA, and the ADEC. Please contact Katherine Brown at (206) 553-7263 or [brown.katherine@epa.gov](mailto:brown.katherine@epa.gov) as soon as possible if you and/or a representative of your tribe are interested in participating.

Date & Time:

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The EPA's 2007 NPDES General Permit for Oil and Gas Facilities in Cook Inlet (AKG-31-5000) expired in July 2012. The EPA plans to re-issue only the exploration component of a NPDES General Permit for federal waters, in conjunction with a state issuance of an APDES General Permit for exploration activity discharges in state waters. Permit coverage for existing production facilities and exploration activity (all of which are in state waters) that reapplied in a timely manner has been administratively extended. Future permitting actions for both exploration activity and existing production facility discharges to state waters will be taken by the ADEC.

The ADEC plans to release their preliminary draft APDES General Permit for discharges from oil and gas exploration activities to state waters of Cook Inlet, Alaska as soon as Friday February 22 for 10 day public review. The EPA and ADEC expect to jointly release Draft NPDES and Draft APDES General Permits for oil and gas exploration discharges into federal and state waters respectively for 60 day public comment periods in mid to late March, 2013. Comments on EPA's NPDES permit should be directed to Project Lead and Permit Writer Cindi Godsey at [godsey.cindi@epa.gov](mailto:godsey.cindi@epa.gov). Comments on ADEC's APDES permit should be directed to Permit Writer Gerry Brown at [Gerry.brown@alaska.gov](mailto:Gerry.brown@alaska.gov).

Please feel free to contact Cindi at (907) 271-6561 or Gary at (907) 269-4874 if you or your representative would like copies of these draft documents, or if have questions relating to them.

Sincerely,

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